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SUBJECT: SAG REQUEST FOR F-15

REF: (A) USMTM 060955Z JUN 77 (NOTAL)
(B) CINCEUR 040930Z JUN 77 (NOTAL)
(C) JCS 031714Z JUN 77 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REF A, CHUSMTM'S RESPONSE TO A JCS REQUEST FOR AN OPINION ON THE SUITABILITY AND ABSORBABILITY OF THE F-15 FOR THE RSAF, THAT SAG APPARENTLY HAS REQUESTED 60 F-15'S (45 SINGLE SEAT AND 15 DUAL SEAT AIRCRAFT) WITH A DELIVERY DATE OF CY 1981. (FYI: WE DID NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE REFS B AND C.)

2. WE ASSUME THE QUESTION OF THE ADVANCED FIGHTER DID ARISE DURING THE FAHD VISIT. WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMATION OF THE REQUEST AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE DEPT CAN GIVE US ON THIS MATTER TO ENABLE US TO HANDLE SAG INQUIRIES.

3. WE CANNOT DISAGREE WITH GENERAL AHMANN'S TECHNICAL REPLY TO USCINCEUR REQUEST. WE APPRECIATE HIS HAVING CORRECTLY
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PUT US DOWN FOR INFO. BUT IF THE SAUDIS DURING THE FAHD VISIT REQUESTED 60 F-15'S AND COMMENT FROM THE FIELD WAS SOUGHT, I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR THE INFO AND REQUEST TO HAVE REACHED US VIA STATE CHANNELS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION OF OUR LARGE MILITARY PROGRAMS IF DOD/JCS/CINCEUR AND USMTM ARE AHEAD OF US ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT TOPIC TO US-SAUDI RELATIONS.

4. NEA/ARP PLEASE SHOW TO AMBASSADOR WEST.
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